exceptional times when Plague and other Epidemics break out.

Reply of Government.—Special prayers are being offered in some of the more important temples under the orders of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent. However, the members making this representation would do well to set an example to the people in their neighbourhood by themselves offering earnest prayers for averting the calamity.

Subject No. 35.
Supervision over Muzrai institutions.

Summary of discussion.—As Amildars have much Revenue and Criminal work to attend to, the supervision over Muzrai institutions may be entrusted to Sub-Registrars.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 36.
(a). Amildars to supervise the expenditure of ready money grants to institutions not under Muzrai management.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is requested that until the question raised by Subject No. 102 of 1896 relating to Temples, (District Committees for management of Jahagirs and Inams to chattrams and temples) is finally settled by the Muzrai Department, Amildars may be ordered to check the accounts of all temples receiving ready money grants which are not under Government management, and to see that such grants are properly utilized.

Reply of Government.—All institutions which are endowed with cash allowances or land inams are being supervised by the Amildars.

(b). Appointment of Taluk Committees therefor.

Summary of discussion.—(*b*) Taluk Committees for the management of institutions not under the supervision of the Muzrai Department may be appointed. A list was given in 1897 of such small temples in the Sorab Taluk, but nothing has yet been done.

Reply of Government.—The disposal of the list referred to will be expedited.

Subject No. 37.
Disposal of vacant offices in Muzrai temples and chattrams.

Summary of discussion.—Vacancies in the offices attached to Muzrai temples and chattrams should be filled up by the appointment of the heirs of previous holders if they are qualified for the same, and, in the event of strangers being appointed, their qualifications should, before such appointment, be tested by the District Muzrai Officer or the Palace Controller with the aid of dharmadarsees.

Reply of Government.—The Muzrai Superintendent reports that this is just what is being done at present. The present representation will however be referred to him for such action as may be called for.

Subject No. 38.
Muzrai offices tenable for life to be made pensionable or continued to the hak-

Summary of discussion.—All offices in the chattrams and temples under the Muzrai Department were for a long time hereditary, which proved an inducement for the holders to serve even for small emoluments. Under the present arrangement some of the officers are treated as hereditary, while others are made tenable for life. It is requested that